Mr. M. K. Devassy : Are the Government aware that several cut-motions were brought to this effect, when Mr. K. T. Mathew was a member ?

Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar : I do not know.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim : Is it because of the apprehension regarding the revenue that the Government is averse to this matter?

Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar : That is one of the considerations.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim : Is it the main consideration ?

Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar : Yes. There are several other considerations also.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim : Will the Government be prepared to give a serious consideration to this question ?

Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar : That also we will consider.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim : Is it the position of the Government that Cochin will continue to be wet to eternity ?

ANCHAL OFFICE—KARUVELIPPADI—SHIFTING OF.

27. Mr. L. M. Pylee : Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether representations have been received from the people of Thoppumpadi, Palluruthy to the effect that the newly opened branch Anchal Office for that place being located at Karuvelippadi is at an inconvenient distance from the business and populous centre of the locality ;

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to investigate whether it would not be more useful to the public to have the Anchal Office located at a central place at Thoppumpadi instead of at Karuvelippadi as at present ?

Mr. P. J. George : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have already made enquiries and decided that no shifting from the present site is necessary.

Mr. L. M. Pylee : May I know, Sir, whether the present is a populous part of the locality ?

Mr. P. J. George : That is the most convenient centre for locating an Anchal Office. That is what the Government have understood from enquiries.

Mr. L. M. Pylee : My question is whether it is in the most populous centre ?

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Mr. P. J. George: That is a sufficiently populous locality.

Mr. L. M. Pylee: May I know, Sir, whether it is the business centre of the locality?

Mr. P. J. George: It may not be possible to locate an Anchal Office on the very spot where there is a congregation of people. There must be some room available for people to go conveniently to the Anchal Office and to transact their business with the least difficulty.

Mr. L. M. Pylee: My question is whether it is located at the business centre.

Mr. P. J. George: It is reasonably near the business centre.

Mr. L. M. Pylee: What is the particular reason for Government to locate it at the present site?

Mr. P. J. George: It is after enquiries made by the Anchal Superintendent in the matter. It is reported that it is only 1½ furlongs from the so-called bazaar the hon'ble member thinks of.

BRANCH ANCHAL MASTERS—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

28. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any scale of pay has been fixed for Branch Anchal Masters, and whether in view of the low salary paid to them, the Government will be pleased to see that they are posted in their native places;

(2) whether the Government will be pleased to see that the Branch Anchal Masters are also given promotions when vacancies occur in larger Anchal Offices;

(3) how many Branch Anchal Masters in the State have furnished a security of Rs. 200 each?

Mr. P. J. George: (1) No pay is fixed for the posts of Branch Anchal Masters. Branch Anchal Masters are paid only an allowance (debitable to contingencies). There are three grades of this allowance, viz., Rs. 6, 7 and 8. But in 2 offices, viz., at Ramavarmapuram and Maharaja's Palace, these Anchal Masters are paid Rs. 15 and 10 respectively, in view of the heaviness of work or responsibility. It is the policy of the Department to post these Branch Anchal Masters in their native places as far as possible.

(2) Initial recruitment to the grade of Sub-Anchal Masters is made by the Staff Selection Board. No promise can

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